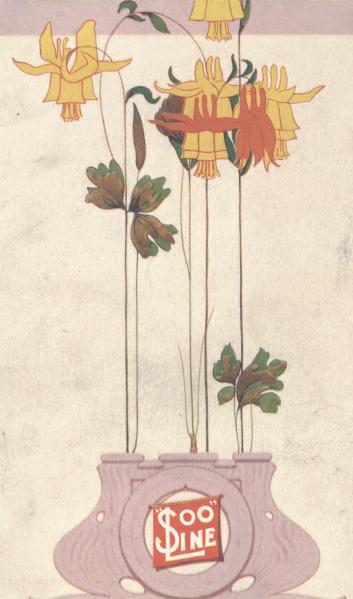
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BUNCH-BERRY.

(Cornus Canadensis.)

Though a close relation of the great Dogwood Tree, this little woodland flower grows but a few inches high. A slender stem bearing several leaves at its summit, out of the midst of which grows a cluster of inconspicuous green flowers surrounded by four large white bracts—these are not the petals, and when they fall, the green center changes to a bunch of small scarlet berries.





YELLOW COLUMBINE.

(Aquilegia Flavescens S. Wats.)

The commonest columbine throughout the region, growing in woods and on slopes up to 8,000 feet, varying greatly in color; flowering in June and July, according to elevation.

WESTERN COLUMBINE.

(Aquilegia Formosa Fisch.)

Throughout the Selkirks, in moist ground, on slopes and borders of rocky alpine streams, flowering during July and late June.





PASQUE FLOWER. (Anemone Nuttalliana.)

Lovely specimens of these flowers are frequently found in May, blooming on the dry meadows at Banff, standing up very straight upon their thick, downy stalks, while the leaves are still folded in soft silkiness close about the base of the plant, the bloom appearing before the foliage is developed.



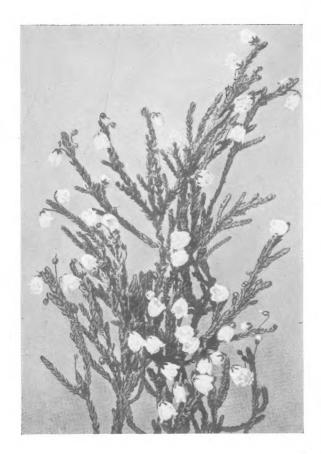


GOLDEN RAGWORT.

(Senecio Aureus.) (Sunflower Family.)

The sunflower family is the largest among flowering plants. It includes an enormous number of species, and presents a rich variety of forms. The Ragworts, or Senecio, are a large genus, both in the old world and in the new. In North America there are numerous species, especially in the Rocky Mountains.





WHITE HEATH.

(Cassiope Mertensiana.)

The White Mountain Heath grows abundantly at very high altitudes, even at 9,000 feet, and is found in quantities close to the edge of perpetual snow. Its tiny waxen bells, drooping from the end of the thread-like stems, are each a five-lobed corolla of perfect purity, capped by a small green calyx.





MARSH EVERLASTING PEA. (Lathyrus Palustris.) (Pea Family.)

The Marsh Everlasting Pea is found in the cooler parts of North America across the breadth of the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A smooth plant is this Wild Pea, with mostly winged stems. It flowers in summer.





CANADA VIOLET.

(Viola Canadensis.)

This flower is found in greatest profusion at Field, but also blooms elsewhere in moist mossy woods and mountain meadows. It flourishes at great altitudes, itself growing to a height of eighteen inches, and exhales a sweet fragrance from the beautiful white and purple shaded flowers which crown the stems.



BLUE LETTUCE.

(Lactuca Pulchella, D. C.)

Native. Perennial, deep-rooted. Flower heads nearly one inch across, pale blue, rather few. Time of flowering, June, July.





YELLOW ADDER'S TONGUE.

(Erythronium giganteum.)

At Glacier is found the Yellow Adder's Tongue in its fullest perfection. A pale golden flower pushing its lovely green leaves through the soft melting mass of the retreating snows, and blooming in strange contrast to its cold and seemingly unsympathetic surroundings.



HEART-LEAVED ARNICA.

(Arnica Cordifolia Hook.)

Somewhat hairy, deep yellow, an inch or more long, toothed at the apex; in woods and thickets at the lower altitudes throughout the Rockies; flowering in June.

PALE-FLOWERED ARNICA.

(Arnica Louiseana Farr.)

Heads of flowers on long, slender, nodding, hairy peduncles; light yellow, about half an inch long. Among loose stones at the base of Mt. Fairview at Lake Louise; flowering in July.



RED FALSE HEATHER.

(Bryanthus empetriformis.)

High up in the mountains will be found quantities of the red, pink and white False Heather, and it is a beautiful sight to see acre upon acre clothed with these beautiful bells, showing up the hill sides in their colored, glowing mantles.



OX-EYE DAISY.

(Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum.)

A plant which is sometimes miscalled the "Ox-eye Daisy" is the beautiful Black-Eyed Cone-Flower, widely known as Yellow Daisy and Black Eyed Susan. It is rather coarse, rough-hairy biennial, with long, lanceolate, undivided, hairy leaves, and with flower-heads of the same size as those of the Ox-Eye Daisy.



WHITE MOUNTAIN RHODODEN-DRON.

DRON.
(Rhododendron albiflorum.)

During the months of June and July on the highest slopes of the hills above Lake Louise, this flower of beauty can be found with its white waxen bells shining out amid a mass of glossy dark green foliage. In the heart of each corolla are numerous brown stamens, and the buds are enclosed with tiny brown scales.



LARGE-FLOWERED BLUE-EYED GRASS.

(Sisyrichium Grandiflorum.) (Iris Family.)

This blue-eyed grass is rather a low plant, the stems not exceeding one foot in height. Its flowers, usually rose-purple in color, are occasionally pure white. Our eastern blue-flowered species sometimes produce white blossoms. Sisyrinchium grandiflorum is native in British Columbia.



GREAT-FLOWERED GAILLARDĮA.

(Gaillardia aristata.)

Each blossom of this flower has from ten to eighteen very showy ray-flowers that are of a very brilliant yellow hue, and in the center of them is a rounded reddish-brown receptacle containing numerous tiny fringed disk-flowers. At Banff they grow in great profusion, and are sometimes found with their yellow ray-flowers streaked and tinged with bright red.



LARGE PURPLE BEARD-TONGUE

(Pentstemon Fruticosus (Pursh) Greene.)

Throughout the region in exposed stony places and on slides up to an elevation of 10,000 feet, frequently growing in patches of considerable size; flowering in June and early July.

BUTTERWORT.

(Pinguicular Vulgaris L.)

In wet mossy places, on rocks or edges of gravelly stream beds throughout the Rockies, at the lower altitudes, the bright little flowers suggesting violets; flowering in June.



DRUMMOND'S DRYAS.

(Dryas Drummondii.)

This flower belongs to the Rose family and grows shrub-like on even the poorest of soil. There are few prettier sights to be seen in the mountains than that of the Alpine meadow covered with these yellow plumose-seed headed flowers, frail and feathery, showing, at times, a silver underside.



PURPLE VIRGIN'S BOWER.

(Atragene Columbiana Nutt.)

A climbing or trailing vine with somewhat woody stems. Leaves trifoliate, flowers purple. In rocky woods and on shaded mountain sides up to 600 feet elevation, throughout the Rockies, trailing over the ground or festooning the shrubs or lower branches of the trees; flowering in early June.



WILD PARSLEY.

(Ligusticum apiifolium.)

Along the banks of the ice-born streams at Glacier the Wild Parsley grows in wild profusion, lining the steep green banks in harmonious coloring with the neighboring leafage. Fern-like and aromatic by nature, better growing than plucked as it soon wilts and dies when removed from its home.



SMALL WHITE LADY'S SLIPPER.

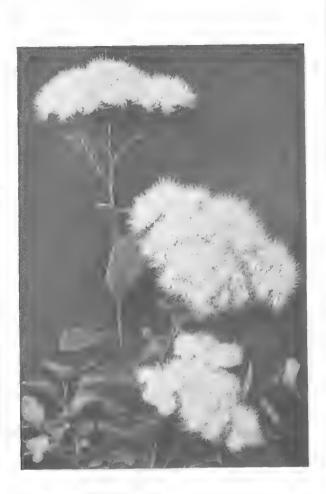
(Cypripedium Passerinum Rich)

Flowers solitary, white, spotted with purple inside. In damp shaded situations, frequent in the Rockies; flowers in July.

SMALL YELLOW LADY'S SLIPPER.

(Cypripedium Parviflorum Salisb.)

Flowers solitary, bright yellow; spotted inside with purple. Found in the Rockies in moist ground among loose stones at the head of Emerald Lake; flowering in June.



BIRCH-LEAVED SPIRAEA.

(Spiraea tucida.)

A small bushy shrub, with large beautiful clusters of tiny fluffy flowers, rich cream in color tinged with pink. Through a resemblance of its leaves to those of a birch it derives its name. They grow in great abundance along the edge of the mountain trails, being especially numerous at Banff.



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